# NEELA MOLLGAARD

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# WORK HISTORY

#### **Red Wing Ignite**

Executive Director - 2013-Present Red Wing, MN

#### **CARE Clinic**

Director - 2009-2012 Red Wing, MN

#### **Goodhue County Public Health**

Community Health Specialist-1999-2002 Red Wing, MN

#### **March of Dimes**

Community Director - 1998-1999 Wheeling, WV

#### **Wheeling Hospital**

Marketing Manager - 1997-1998 Wheeling, WV

#### Ohmeda

Project Launch Consultant - 1996-1997 Customer Service Specialist - 1993-1996 Madison, WI

# EDUCATION & TRAINING

#### **Kauffman Foundation**

FastTrac TechVenture, 2015

#### **Blandin Foundation**

Leadership Training Program, 2012

# **MN Association of Volunteer Admin**

Volunteer Leadership, 2009

# **University of WV - School of Medicine**

M.S. Community Health, 1999

#### University of Wisconsin - Madison

B.S. Consumer Affairs in Business, 1993

# **RECOGNITION**

### **Red Wing Women's Hall of Fame**

Women's Network, 2013

#### **Good Neighbor Award**

Kiwanis, 2011

# Congressional Recognition for Women Cents

Rep. John Kline, 2003

# PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### Leadership

- Established the only rural hub in the Nation for US Ignite fostering next generation technology
- Built the foundation for an innovative ecosystem in greater Minnesota.
- Led strategic initiatives from idea to implementation
- Designed, implemented and managed a national customer service initiative for Ohmeda and Hewlett Packard
- Launched and manage a regional makerspace at MN State College SE
- Created and led the CARE Clinic, a free medical, dental, and mental health clinic for Goodhue County
- Managed a 20-physician medical clinic at Wheeling Hospital

#### Communicator

- Presented at national conferences, meetings, training sessions and events
- Fostered and maintain trusted relationships and partnerships
- Worked effectively with local, state, and national government officials
- Skilled at using television, radio, print, and social media to promote initiatives, organizations, and referendums
- Trained Ohmeda employees and customers on a national business initiative
- Promoted and recruited top talent across the US for a medical residency program

# **Connector and Community Builder**

- Spearheaded an initiative to leverage and connect entrepreneurial efforts, expertise, and ecosystems across southern Minnesota
- Forged partnerships with government, academia, businesses, and individuals to advance entrepreneurs, businesses and students
- Connected a national team to drive product and service improvements
- Convened seven school districts, and 12 regional businesses and a college to create a talent pipeline for employers
- Recruited over 200 volunteers to serve patients at the CARE Clinic
- United efforts throughout Goodhue County to implement health initiatives

# **Financial and Fund Developer**

- Launched and assist with Golden Triangle Angel Fund in rural Minnesota
- Managed organizational finances and budgets
- Succeeded in writing and obtaining local, state, and federal grants

# **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- Jones Family Foundation Board Member, 2010 present
- Women Cents Board Chair & Co-Founder, 2002 present
- Governors Broadband Task Force Member, 2015 2018
- Red Wing Mayor Advisory Panel **Chair**, 2012 2014
- Habitat for Humanity Women Build Executive Committee, 2012
- Free Medical Clinic Committee Chair, 2009
- Youth Outreach Board Member, 2008 2009
- Red Wing School Board Member, 2007 2008
- Community Education **Board Member**, 2007 2008
  - United Way **Vice President and Secretary**, 2002 2005 Red Wing School Foundation **Board Member**, 2003 - 2009